(c) and (d) The Immoral Traffick (Prevention) Act, 1956 (ITPA) supplemented by the Indian Penal Code prohibits trafficking in human beings including children for purpose of prostitution and lays down severe penalties for traffickers. The ITPA is now being further amended providing for more stringent punishment for trafficking in persons including children. The Ministry of Women and Child Development conducts advocacy, awareness generation, sensitization programmes for prevention of child trafficking. The Central Advisory Committee on combating Child Prostitution headed by Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India reviews the State's activities in combating trafficking and prostitution every quarter. The Ministry of Women and Child Development also runs Swadhar Shelter Homes which provide shelter, food, clothing, emotional support, counseling, rehabilitation and other facilities to sex workers including children.

(e) Does not arise.

Swadhar Shelter Homes

2101. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU; Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Swadhar Shelter Homes set up, State-wise as on 31st October, 2006;

(b) the target fixed for setting up new shelter homes during the current financial year;

(c) the total number of new shelter homes set up as on 31 st October, 2006; and

(d) the total amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The total number of Swadhar Shelter Homes as on 31st October, 2006 is 144, State-wise list is given in the Statement (see below,).

(b) No target has been fixed for setting up new shelter homes but the attempt of the Ministry of Women and Child Development is to open atleast one Swadhar Shelter Home in each district all over the country.

(c) The total number of new shelter homes set up during the year 2006-07 as on 31st October, 2006 is 12.

(d) The total amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme as on 31st October, 2006 is Rs. 20.93 crore.

Statement

State-wise list of number of Swadhar Shelter Homes

Name of State/Union Territories	No.of Swadhar Shelter Homes
Andhra Pradesh	26
Arunachal Pradesh	—
Assam	5
Bihar	1
Chhattisgarh	1
Goa	
Gujarat Haryana	2
Himachal Pradesh	1
Jharkhand	—
Jammu & Kashmir	4
Karnataka	18
Kerala	—
Madhya Pradesh	5
Maharashtra	8
Mizoram	1
Meghalaya	12
Manipur	1
Nagaland	25
Orissa	
Punjab	1
Rajasthan	
Sikkim	
Tripura	15
Tamil Nadu	
Uttar Pradesh	3
Uttaranchal	1
West Bengal Union	13
Territories	
Andaman & Nicobar	—
Chandigarh	1
Delhi	
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	
Daman & Diu	
Lakshadweep	—
Pondicherry	
TOTAL:	144